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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Honorable Sir:

The following comments and amendments are made in response to the final Office Action mailed on July 18, 2008, in respect of the above-entitled application for patent. Reconsideration of the application for patent in light of this Reply and Amendment is respectfully requested.

Entry of this Amendment is requested under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

As this Reply and Amendment is being filed electronically on September 18, 2008, via EFS-Web, it is timely.

**Amendments to the Specification** are not presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are not presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 12.